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PUBLIC CHAPTER	DESCRIPTION	DEPT. OF EDUCATION CONTACT
811 <i>Effective 4/25/12</i>	Provides all records containing the results of individual teacher evaluations administered pursuant to state board of education policies, guidelines and criteria shall be closed to the public. Permits access to and utilization of such records by LEAs, department of education, state board of education, and charter school governing bodies as required to fulfill their lawful functions. (S: Tracy; H: Montgomery) <u>SB1447/HB1908</u>	Christy Ballard
909 <i>Effective 5/10/12</i>	Specifies that charter schools may promote students based upon their TCAP scores or grades. (S: Kelsey; H: White) <u>SB2156/HB3269</u>	Rich Haglund
962 <i>Effective 5/10/12</i>	Revises state education accountability statutes to implement Tennessee's waiver from certain provision of the No Child Left Behind Act. Clarifies the role and authority of the Achievement School District. (S: Norris, Gresham; H: McCormick, Brooks, H.) <u>SB2208/HB2346</u>	Stephen Smith
800 <i>Effective 4/24/12</i>	Enacts the Tennessee Excellence, Accountability and Management (TEAM) Act of 2012. Reforms the state's civil service system to assure fair treatment of applicants and employees. (S: Norris; H: McCormick) <u>SB2246/HB2384</u>	Vickie Hall
1072 <i>Effective 5/21/12, 7/01/12</i>	Permits certain individuals who have taught as college professors or instructors to acquire a license to teach in grades 9-12 provided they meet certain qualifications, attend in-service training sessions, participate in a mentoring program and successfully complete all subject area licensure exams. Authorizes state board of education to promulgate rules and regulations. (S: Summerville; H: Hensley) <u>SB2302/HB3098</u>	Sara Heyburn David Sevier (SBOE)
550 <i>Effective 3/08/12</i>	Extends the Tennessee Council for Career and Technical Education to June 30, 2017. (S: Bell; H: Cobb) <u>SB2325/HB2545</u>	Danielle Mezera
1077 <i>Effective 5/21/12</i>	Removes Williamson County from the provisions of the "Move on When Ready Act." (S: Johnson; H: Casada) <u>SB2484/HB2235</u>	Emily Bell
990 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Requires schools to notify parents, by way of student handbooks or other standard policy guides, of all student clubs and organizations. Allows parents to prohibit their children from participating in such clubs and organizations by providing written notification to the school. (S: Overbey; H: Coley) <u>SB2488/HB2548</u>	Christy Ballard

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585 <i>Effective 3/20/12</i>	Directs the office of research and education accountability to survey and study HIV/AIDS prevention curricula adopted and implemented by LEAs to determine compliance with the law. Directs department of health to survey and study HIV/AIDS prevention curricula in other states to determine effectiveness. (S:Marrero; H: Gilmore) <u>SB2506/HB2414</u>	Rebecca Johns-Wommack
901 <i>Effective 3/09/12</i>	Requires the Achievement School District to adopt an appropriate dress code for its employees. (S: Kelsey; H: Parkinson) <u>SB2547/HB2222</u>	Rich Haglund
992 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Revises criminal statutes relative to images used to harass or bully. Requires each LEA, at the beginning of the school year, to provide teachers and counselors a copy of the district's anti-bullying policy and provide training to teachers and counselors regarding the policy and appropriate implementation. Directs the department of education to provide guidelines for such training and provide recommendations of appropriate and free bullying and harassment prevention resources. Requires LEAs to make information available to parents and to report to the department of education the number of bullying cases brought to the attention of school officials during the preceding year. Requires the department to annually report to the House and Senate Education Committees on the number of bullying cases reported statewide. (S: Ketron; H: Curtiss) <u>SB2556/HB2641</u>	Mike Herrmann
614 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Permits an LEA to accept a transferring teacher's years of service from another LEA in the state and to use such years to meet the requirements for tenure, provided the teacher meets the required performance effectiveness levels for tenure pursuant to the teacher evaluation model. (S: Southerland; H: Hawk) <u>SB2578/HB2328</u>	Christy Ballard
551 <i>Effective 3/08/12</i>	Declares secondary education to be education normally available and required by state standards to be taught to children enrolled in grades 7-12. Removes grades 7-8 from the statutory definition of elementary schools. (S: Southerland; H: Hawk) <u>SB2579/HB2653</u>	Emily Barton
918 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Provides that an interest inventory shall be available to all public middle school students or ninth graders to assist students in making career choices. Requires LEAs to submit summary data from the inventories to the state board of education, which shall consider the data in making curriculum decisions. Implements a similar process for higher education. (S: Marrero; H: Coley) <u>SB2591/HB2167</u>	Emily Barton

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991 <i>Effective 10/01/12</i>	Changes the date by which a child must turn four years old to enter a state pre-K program and five years old to be enter kindergarten from September 30 to August 31 in 2013-14 and August 15 thereafter. Makes exceptions to kindergarten eligibility for students currently participating in pre-K and for those students eligible for kindergarten under current law who would not otherwise be eligible under the provisions of this act. (S: Johnson; H: Casada) <u>SB2630/HB2566</u>	Stephen Smith
801 <i>Effective 4/23/12</i>	Provides that a teacher shall not be entitled to a hearing before an impartial hearing officer in cases where there has been a disciplinary suspension of three days or less. (S: Jackson; H: Sargent) <u>SB2635/HB2237</u>	Christy Ballard
656 <i>Effective 4/04/12</i>	Requires high schools to forward vaccination records to postsecondary institutions on behalf of dual enrollment student upon request of the student's parent or guardian. (S: Yager; H: Hurley) <u>SB2646/HB2229</u>	Rebecca Johns-Wommack
712 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Allows the county board of education to use the county's centralized purchasing system to provide a life insurance plan for designated school board employees. (S: Yager; H: Ragan) <u>SB2648/HB2873</u>	Maryanne Durski
1012 <i>Effective 5/15/12</i>	Prohibits abolition of position as a means of avoiding dismissal charges. (S: Haynes; H: Pitts) <u>SB2693/HB2738</u>	Christy Ballard
823 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Allows school board members to participate in meetings electronically under certain conditions. Limits electronic participation to two occurrences per board member. (S: Finney; H: Fitzhugh). <u>SB2723/HB2883</u>	Christy Ballard
665 <i>Effective 4/04/12</i>	Removes requirement that advertising on school buses be composed of lettering on a background color. (S: Tracy; H: Maggart) <u>SB2802/HB2851</u>	Stephen Smith
558 <i>Effective 3/13/12</i>	Extends the CTE class size pilot project in Metro Nashville Public Schools. (S: Haynes; H: Gilmore). <u>SB2883/HB2415</u>	Danielle Mezera
1044 <i>Effective 5/21/12</i>	Establishes a 4-year parental involvement pilot project within the Achievement School District. Requires ASD to provide parents with parental report cards whereby parents may grade themselves. (S: Kelsey.; H: Parkinson) <u>SB2893/HB2994</u>	Gwen Watson
772 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Requires a special education diploma be awarded to students who have satisfactorily completed an IEP with satisfactory attendance and conduct. (S: Berke; H: McDonald) <u>SB2900/HB2592</u>	Bobbi Lussier

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970 <i>Effective 5/10/12</i>	Lifts the restriction on the formation of municipal districts within a county after the effective date of the transfer of the administration of the schools in a special school district to the county board of education pursuant to § 49-2-502(b). (S: Norris; H: McCormick) <u>SB2908/HB3234</u>	Stephen Smith
1018 <i>Effective 5/15/12</i>	Provides that any budget approved under the Local Option Budgeting Law of 1993 shall also be approved by the local board of education prior to becoming effective. (S: Tracy/H: Brooks H.) <u>SB2967/HB3238</u>	Maryanne Durski
830 <i>Effective 4/25/12</i>	Permits LEAs to use non-instructional BEP funds for the purpose of hiring a building manager. (S: Burks; H: Brooks) <u>SB2982/HB2999</u>	Maryanne Durski
999 <i>Effective 5/10/12; 7/01/12</i>	Directs the state board of education to develop class size standards for virtual schools. (S: Burks; H: Williams, R.) <u>SB2986/HB3062</u>	Kathleen Airhart David Sevier (SBOE)
703 <i>Effective 4/11/12</i>	Permits higher education teacher training institutions to have access to individual teacher effect data for the purpose of evaluating teacher preparation programs. (S: Gresham; H: Brooks) <u>SB3024/HB3469</u>	Christy Ballard
934 <i>Effective 5/10/12</i>	Provides that except for grants requiring matching funds, in-kind contributions of real property or expenditures beyond the life of the grant, appropriations of federal or private grant funds shall be made upon resolution passed by the local board of education and shall comply with the requirements established by the granting entity. (S: McNally; H: Hensley) <u>SB3044/HB2753</u>	Maryanne Durski
690 <i>Effective 4/12/12</i>	Provides that LEAs and school administrators may not prohibit personnel from participating in religious activities on school grounds that are initiated by students at reasonable times before or after the instructional day so long as such activities are voluntary for all parties and do not conflict with the responsibilities or assignments of such personnel. (S: Summerville; H: Johnson, P.) <u>SB3060/HB3266</u>	Christy Ballard
1000 <i>Effective 5/10/12</i>	Names the field house at York Institute in honor of Charles Joseph Vaughn provided funds are contributed to account for signage. (S: Yager; H: Windle) <u>SB3065HB3093</u>	Deborah Davis
1014 <i>Effective 5/15/12</i>	Requires commissioner's annual report to include information on the number of AP and dual enrollment courses offered in each LEA and the percentage of students successfully completing such courses. (S: Berke; H: Brooks, H.) <u>SB2866/HB3108</u>	Kimberly Jackson

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701 <i>Effective 4/11/12</i>	Requires local boards of education to adopt policies concerning a teacher's ability to relocate a student for safety reasons. Authorizes the use of reasonable or justifiable force to move an uncooperative student. (S: Gresham; H: Brooks) <u>SB3116/HB3241</u>	Christy Ballard
1094 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Creates a pilot program for the testing of kindergarten students entering schools operated by the ASD in the district with the most schools operated by the ASD. (S: Kelsey; H: Parkinson) <u>SB3155/HB3272</u>	Gwen Watson
794 <i>Effective 6/10/11</i>	Reiterates charter schools are subject to open meetings laws. Requires charter schools to maintain a website and provide certain information on the website to the same extent as LEAs. (S: Bell; H: Matheny) <u>SB3178/HB3539</u>	Rich Haglund
557 <i>Effective 3/13/12</i>	Authorizes Secretary of State to produce a virtual tour of the state capitol and to publish on the state website. Authorizes the distribution of the virtual tour to public and private K-12 schools. (S: Yager; H: Coley) <u>SB3194/HB3200</u>	Emily Bell
1097 <i>Effective 7/10/12, 1/01/13</i>	Revises charter school application and decision timelines. Permits LEAs to charge a charter school application fee not to exceed \$500 per application. Permits LEAs to withhold up to one percent, not to exceed \$20,000, of funds due to a charters school if the charter school contracts with the LEA for facilities or services. Such funds must be held in an account and used only to reimburse LEAs for any monies owed by the charter school for outstanding debts should the school close within the first four years of operation. (S: Berke; H: Brooks) <u>SB3247/HB3769</u>	Rich Haglund
775 <i>Effective 4/19/12</i>	Clarifies a county legislative body in a county participating in the County Financial Management System of 1981 shall not have line item authority over the school system budget. (S: Tracy; H: Ramsey) <u>SB3283/HB3770</u>	Maryanne Durski
1020 <i>Effective 1/01/13</i>	Requires teachers teaching a course for which an end-of-course exam exists to be endorsed in the content area or pass the PRAXIS or equivalent exam relative to the course. (S: Ketron; H: Carr) <u>SB3341/HB2675</u>	Sara Heyburn
1036 <i>Effective 5/21/12</i>	Requires LEAs to implement a project-based assessment in civics at least once in grades 4-8 and at least once in grades 9-12 for the purpose of measuring civics learning within the social studies curriculum. (S: Norris; H: Brooks, K.) <u>SB2066/HB2114</u>	Emily Barton

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879 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Requires charter school applications to disclose donations of private funding. Permits a chartering authority to reject a charter school application if the school plans to staff positions relying on foreign worker H1B or J1 visa programs in excess of 3.5 percent of the total number of positions at any single school location. Makes exceptions for foreign language instructors. (S: Ketron; H: Matheny) <u>SB3345/HB3540</u>	Rich Haglund
744 <i>Effective 4/16/12</i>	Sunsets the energy efficient schools council on June 30, 2013. (S: Bell; H: Cobb) <u>SB3392/HB3550</u>	Ron Graham
1021 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Clarifies provisions relative to charter schools. Defines academic focus. Clarifies preference for applications with a focus of serving select groups of students shall not reduce scores of applications demonstrating other strengths or focuses. (S: Tracy; H: Carr) <u>SB3553/HB3583</u>	Rich Haglund
781 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Requires LEAs to prohibit students from wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent manner that disrupts the learning environment. (S: Ford; H: Towns) <u>SB3558/HB3679</u>	Christy Ballard
762 <i>Effective 4/17/12</i>	Encourages LEAs to develop parental involvement contracts with parents of students. Directs the department of education to develop a model parental involvement contract. Districts that develop and implement such report card shall submit a copy of the contract to the department and report on the number and percentages of parents signing the contract. Directs the department to include the data on parental involvement contracts on the annual report card. (S: Kelsey; H: Parkinson) <u>SB3588/HB3636</u>	Emily Bell
784 <i>Effective 4/23/12</i>	Authorizes and encourages LEAs to partner with individuals, groups and organizations to design and implement programs to improve parental involvement. (S: Haynes; H: Gilmore) <u>SB3606/HB3505</u>	Emily Bell
687 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Authorizes a school bus driver or other employee to use reasonable force when necessary to correct or restrain a student or prevent bodily harm or death to another person. (S: Roberts; H: McDonald) <u>SB3640/HB2789</u>	Christy Ballard
1029 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Makes appropriations for FY 2013. (S: Norris; H: Sargent) <u>SB3768/HB3835</u>	John Sharp
875 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Removes authorization for the commissioner of education to remove a local board of education member who fails to attend the annual training as prescribed by the state board of education. (S: McNally; H: Matlock) <u>SB1429/HB1954</u>	Christy Ballard

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1065 <i>Effective 5/21/12</i>	Permits LEAs to sponsor charter schools. The state board of education shall serve as the chartering authority in such cases. (S: Faulk; H: Swann) <u>SB1688/HB1970</u>	Rich Haglund
579 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Requires hands-on training in CPR classes. (S: Tracy; H: Turner, M.) <u>SB1680/HB1519</u>	Rebecca Johns-Wommack
967 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Defines dual credit programs and provides that a student's score on the exam shall be used by postsecondary institutions to determine the granting of credit. Establishes a consortium for cooperative innovative education consisting of K-12 and higher education officials. (S: Tracy; H: Brooks, H.) <u>SB2809/HB2613</u>	Danielle Mezera
670 <i>Effective 4/10/12</i>	Prohibits the state board of education and any school from prohibiting any teacher in a public school setting from helping students understand, analyze, critique and review in an objective manner the scientific strengths and weaknesses of existing scientific theories. (S: Watson; H: Dunn) <u>SB0893/HB0368</u>	Emily Barton
973 <i>Effective 7/01/12</i>	Re-writes the family life curriculum statute, emphasizing abstinence and prohibiting promotion of certain activity. (S: Johnson; H: Gotto) <u>SB3310/HB3621</u>	Rebecca Johns-Wommack
747 <i>Effective 4/16/12</i>	Authorizes formation of a 501(c)(3) school based foundation by a school or its administrators or supporters. Permits fundraising at an annual event under the Tennessee Charitable Gaming Implementation Law. Removes requirement that the organization wanting to conduct the event be in existence for five years. (S: Johnson; H: Johnson, P.) <u>SB3074/HB3323</u>	Christy Ballard
1099 <i>Effective 5/21/12</i>	Clarifies residential mental health facilities operating as category I special purpose schools provide a minimum of 16.5 hours per week of educational instructional services. Clarifies that in order to received BEP funds, students must have been enrolled in the LEA in the academic year immediately preceding admission to the mental health facility. (S: Tracy; H: Hensley) <u>SB3270/HB3496</u>	Christy Ballard
905 <i>Effective 5/09/12</i>	Requires LEA's to develop and implement an evaluation for the director of schools. Authorizes certain municipal governments to hold referendums relative to establishing municipal school districts and sets timelines for such elections. (S: Gresham; H: Montgomery) <u>SB1923/HB1105</u>	Stephen Smith
HJR 520	Directs the department of education to follow-through on its publicly stated plan to provide multiple opportunities for feedback relative to the state teacher evaluation model. (S: Tracy; H: Forgety)	Emily Barton